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"Published now for its twelfth year,
Bringing happiness and good cheer;
We hope you'll like this one too
As we do editing it for you."

—Editor.

WE DEDICATE THIS ANNUAL

TO

OUR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF THEIR

SACRIFICES AND LOVE

THE CLASS

OF

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND

THIRTY-SIX

TOWNSEND HIGH SCHOOL

A TOAST

Rooted in the nourishing soil of an enlightened community; like some sturdy flowering tree, year after year its blossoms unfold to find maturity, and like these petals scattered by the winds of Spring, the ideals and accomplishments of old Townsend High have been borne by its alumni to grace many and varied places.

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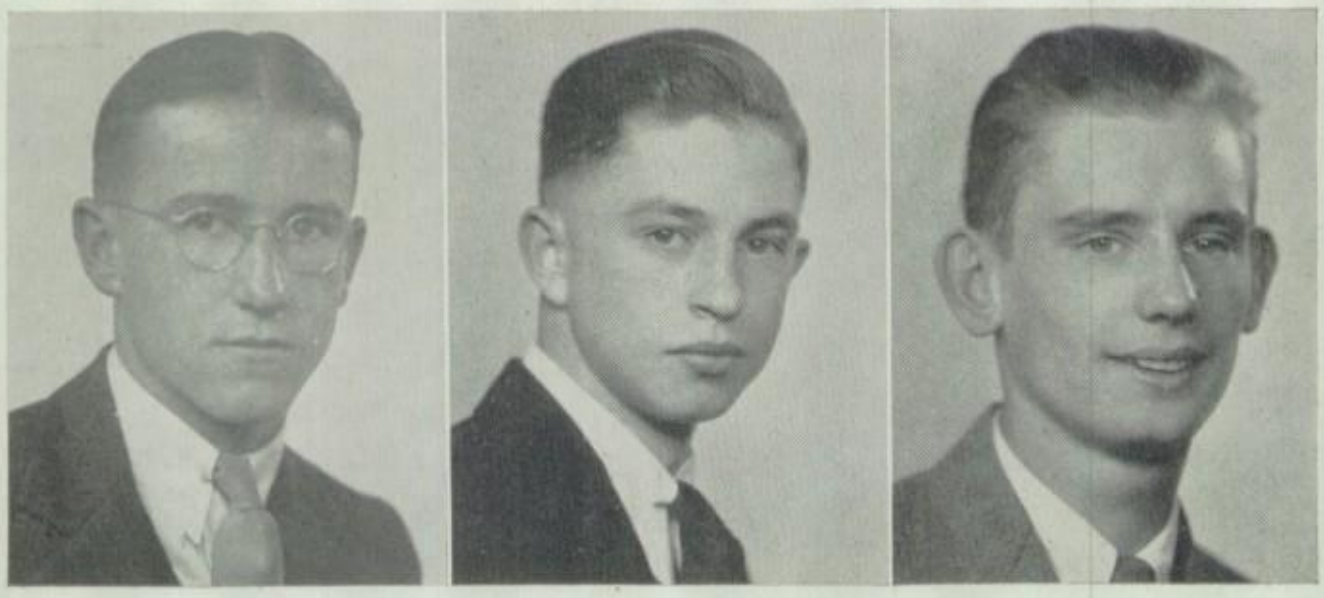

JAMES CURRIER—"JIM"

If anyone wronged him or treated him ill,
Jim was good natured and sociable still.

Jim is a prominent member of the class. He has served on the Optimist staff for two years, and has been a member of the Athletic Association for four years. He has also had parts in the Junior and Senior class plays. During his four years of high school "Jim" played basketball, and will be missed by the team next year. He also played one year of baseball.

MERRICK SILCOX—"SILLY"

Always looks so slick and neat;
Works at being an athlete.

Merrick has furnished a good share of the humor of his class, and has been one of the leading men on the baseball and basketball teams. Merrick was a member of the Athletic Association, and played basketball for four years. He was on the Optimist staff, Advertising Department in '36 and Literary Department in '35. He played in both Junior and Senior class plays in '35 and '36.

ALVIN LEE HILL—"AL"

We grant that though he had much wit
He was very shy in using it.

Alvin has been a willing worker of our class. He was one of the Advertising Managers of the Optimist, and the president of the class in his Senior year. Al took part in both the Junior and Senior class plays. He presented orations in the Prince of Peace Declamation Contest and in the Oratorical Contest in '36. He was also a member of the Athletic Association during his Senior year.

ELVA SHERWOOD — "MINNIE"

We all like her; she's a real true friend,
Our best wishes with her we all send.

Elva's wit and humor added liveliness to the class. She has served on the Optimist staff in '35 and '36, and has been a member of the Athletic Association for three years. She has been in public speaking contests since she was a freshman, and has done very well every time. In her Junior and Senior years she took part in both those class plays.

JOHN WRIGHT, Jr. — "JOHNNY"

His only books
Are women's looks.

"Johnny" is one of the most energetic personalities in the class. He was Editor-in-Chief of the Optimist in his Senior year, and had previously served on the staff for three years. John received first place in the first Annual Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical Contest, and also first in the county in '33. In '34 he won the local Declamation Contest. He was a member of the Athletic Association in '33, '34, and '35, and played basketball in the same years. He also took part in both the Junior and Senior class plays.

EVELYN SMITH — "EVELYN"

Just fair enough to be pretty,
Just saucy enough to be witty.

Evelyn has been with us since her first year at school. She has played in the class plays of both '35 and '36, and participated in the Reading Contests of '34, '35 and '36, receiving second place in '36. Evelyn was a member of the Optimist staff for three years; News Notes Editor in '34, Alumni Editor in '35, and Circulation Manager in '36. She played in the High School Orchestra in '36.

MABEL LEHNERT—"FELIX"

Knowledge is proud that she learned so much;
Wisdom is humble that she knows no more.

Mabel shines in the field of oratory. She has also taken a great interest in her lessons at school as is evidenced by her constant appearance on the Honor Roll. She has been a member of the Optimist staff for four years, and of the Athletic Association for three years. She has taken part in class plays in both her Junior and Senior years, and played in the High School Orchestra during '35. In the Declamation Contest of '35 she took first place in the local and county contests and second in the district. She also took part in the local and county Oratorical Contests in '35. In '36 she took first in the local Declamation Contest and second in the county, and first in the local Oratorical Contest and second in the county. With this background she should go far in this field.

GEORGE STACEY, Jr.—"JUNIOR"

George plays the sax—toot sweet;
He can play notes that no one can beat.

George has been an active member and the actor of the Senior class. He served on the Optimist staff for four years, as News Notes Editor in '33,Alumni Editor in '34, and Advertising Manager in '35 and '36. He has been a member of the Athletic Association for four years, and played basketball all four years of his high school career. He played in the High School Orchestra, and took part in the Declamation Contests of '35 and '36.

MILDRED PHEIFER—"MILLY"

Dancing seems to be her hobby,
In the hall or in the lobby.

Mildred has been a most capable and willing worker of the class. She was a member of the Optimist staff and of the Athletic Association for two years. She took part in the Junior class play of '34, and also in the class play of '35 and '36.

ALICE LILES — "ALLY"

Alice will ford the river of life
And become a success as somebody's wife.

Alice has taken an active part in the activities of the class. She was a member of the Optimist staff and of the Athletic Association for two years, serving as Literary Editor of the Optimist in her Senior year. She has been in the two class plays of '35 and '36. We wish her well in whatever she may undertake in the future.

BERNARD BLY — "BERNIE"

I am sure that care's an enemy to life.

Bernard is another of our willing workers. He was a member of the Athletic Association in '35 and '36, and played basketball in '33 and '34. He took part in the class plays of '35 and '36, and also served as Assistant Circulation Manager of the Optimist staff in his Senior year.

ETHEL NICHOLS — "ETHEL"

Here's a girl who'll never balk,
And she can really make a piano talk.

Ethel is one of our more quiet girls, but an old standby nevertheless. She has been a member of the Optimist staff for four years, and of the Athletic Association for two years. During her Senior year she has played with the High School Orchestra. The class plays of '35 and '36 also benefited by her dramatic ability.

Senior Statistics

Best All Around .....James Currier
Most Modest .....Bernard Bly
Tallest .....James Currier
Best Athlete .....Merrick Silcox
Jolliest .....Alice Liles
Biggest Cut-up .....George Stacey
Thinnest .....Ethel Nichols
Biggest Flatterer .....George Stacey
Best Dancer .....Mildred Pheifer
Silliest .....Alice Liles
Best Looking .....Merrick Silcox
Shortest .....Alice Liles
Biggest Flirt .....Evelyn Smith
Loudest .....John Wright
Most Intellectual .....Alvin Hill
Most Frank .....Elva Sherwood
Most Kiddish .....Elva Sherwood
Best Artist .....John Wright
Funniest .....Evelyn Smith
Best Orator .....Mabel Lehnert
Biggest Bluffer .....John Wright
Most Popular .....George Stacey

To The Seniors

Twelve years of our life have passed away,
Diamond minutes and golden hours;
Set us apart in those vine-covered bowers,
As fresh as flowerlets blooming in May.

We are woodland violets in the bud of life,
Pure and lovely, ready to bloom
Into life's laboring, yet honest loom
To take our place and to work against strife.

A world unknown to us as yet,
Of joys and sorrows. We'll have that time.
For life is but imperfect rime,
Our destination is not set.

And now as violets in full array,
Many, yes, many, in bloom do sway.
Kissed by the winds of morning first,
Blessed by the raindrops that quench their thirst.

And then when evening slowly comes
The petals drop—one by one,
Just like springtime's April shower.
Yes, then comes our inevitable hour—
Our graduation.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of Townsend High School, possessing many ideal traits and having perfect control over our mental faculties, in spite of our contrary appearances, do hereby bequeath and give these personal qualities to be further displayed in the remaining students of T. H. S.

Mr. Taylor, our home room teacher for four years,—our sincere thanks and appreciation for his ever ready willingness and guidance throughout these years.

Mr. Slack—Complete recovery from any shock which he may have received by any act of any member of the Senior Class.

Miss Cole—Our encouragement to eat "Wheatena" to grow large and strong like the Senior girls.

To the Juniors—Our classroom with all its usual cleanliness and orderliness, and also our Vendor's License.

Merrick Rowland—Jim Currier's ability to keep steady company with a girl.

Evelyn Ottinger—Mabel Lehnert's ability to control her actions under unusual circumstances.

Lauretta Lucal—Ethel's Pepsodent smile.

Walter Mesenberg—Alvin Hill's position as class president.

Edith Arnold—Alice Liles' "Cashmere Bouquet."

Jim Cummings—George Stacey's saxophone.

Louise Jump—Mildred Pheifer's motto: "Sweet sixteen and never been kissed."

Jane Dippel—Ethel Nichols' fondness for "Whippets."

Ruth Nichols—Elva Sherwood's unexpected squeals in studyhall.

Lura Kocher—Evelyn Smith's cleverness.

To either Walt Mesenberg or Everett Patrick—John Wright's position as Editor-in-Chief.

Burton Finlay—Merrick Silcox's innocent expression when accused of a misbehavior.

Vernal Weisenberger—Bernard's absence at least once a week.

Junior Knoll—George's ability to crack jokes in class.

Pat Conry—Alice's poetic ability.

Everett Patrick—Alvin's excellent report card.

Lane Knoll—Merrick's desire to keep company with a lower class member.

Eileen Welch—Evelyn's hobby of collecting souvenirs.

Earl Meinen—Jim's Model A Ford.

Rosella Wissel—Mildred's auburn hair.

Cora Welch—Mabel's smiling features and rosy blushes.

Edward Swabley—John's love for popular music.

Shirley Knoll—Elva's interest for public speaking contests.

Alfred Bandelean—Bernard's shyness.

(Signed): Senior Class of '36.

Witnesses: Miss Cole
Mr. Slack
Mr. Taylor.

CLASS HISTORY

Ding! Dong! clanged the old familiar school bell on a bright sunshiny day in September just twelve years ago, calling together a group of seventeen boys and girls just entering the primary grades. Of these seventeen just six remained to graduate from T. H. S. in '36. They are: James Currier, Elva Sherwood, Mabel Lehnert, Ethel Nichols, George Stacey and Evelyn Smith.

As we progressed through the years, many of our members left us to attend other schools, but their places were quickly refilled by new students. In the second grade Mildred Pheifer and Bernard Bly were added to our roll. During these two years our capable instructors were Mrs. Ada Ross and Miss Alma Peters.

In September, 1928 this happy little group marched proudly up the walk of the high school grounds to enter the third grade under the supervision of Mrs. Clara (Robbins) Liedorff. Merrick Silcox joined our group in this year.

Our next step we considered was a large one, for we entered the large school building. Here we were under the guidance of Miss Odah Phay Moll and Mrs. Edith Gardner. When we reached the eighth grade "our gang" boasted exactly twenty-two members. John Wright entered in the sixth grade, and Alice Liles and Alvin Hill in the eighth grade. At the end of these eight years we were honored by having once more started the eighth grade graduation exercises which had not been the custom previously. This was a memorable event in our history as we remember every one as having taken part.

When we entered high school as Freshmen the following autumn of '32, we were constantly referred to as "Greenies", but gradually overcame our awkwardness, and the ridicule we received from our upper classmen finally subsided, much to our pleasure.

In our Sophomore year a dramatic club was organized in which Mabel Lehnert was selected to take part in "Here Comes Charlie." In this year Mildred Pheifer and George Stacey were also given parts in the Junior class play, "Moon Shy."

In '35 our jolly dozen took their places in their own private Junior room. This is a year to be marked down in our brief history as one of the most active in all our school life, for it was in this year that we were considered as being almost as unrly as the Freshies, but we proved the best talent in a memorable assembly program when we staged a radio program. The class also successfully presented the three act comedy, "The Spanish Onion," in the spring. We also entertained the Seniors with the Junior-Senior Prom as a farewell to them.

Entering the Senior Class we still maintained our jolly dozen. As a whole our class has co-operated nicely, and we wish to extend our appreciation to our teachers for the past four years, Miss Dorothy Fry, Miss Doris Cole, Mr. Slack, and Mr. Taylor.

We are looking forward to a successful future, and hope each one will attain the goal which he desires.

CLASS PROPHECY

The wind was blowing fair when we left the Townsend Airport. We ascend high into the clouds and find ourselves resting on a cloud of dreams. Slowly the thought grows on our deadened brains that we are seeing the future of the illustrious class of '36.

Mildred Pheifer is suffering from measles, after using the latest cream which Lady Esther recommended for curing a blush.

Bernard Bly is sitting at the desk of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington enjoying his work very much.

Mabel Lehnert has been unable to resist the lure of the footlights, and travels all over the country lecturing on "Unicameral Legislation."

Merrick Silcox is manager of athletics of Michigan State and his teams have won many outstanding victories.

Alice Liles has specialized in nursing at the Los Angeles Children's Hospital, California, and is now one of the head nurses in this department. Her special duty is caring for crying babies.

Alvin Hill has received his M. D. degree in Science and is now teaching at the Sheffield Scientific Institute of Yale University.

Ethel Nichols is now the head dietician of the London Hospital in England. She says she really likes her work. I wonder if she really does?

James Currier owns a large ranch of Marino sheep in Texas, and produces most of the wool for the clothing for the various portions of the world.

Evelyn Smith plays the part of Betty Boop in the movies in such a dignified manner that she has everybody crazy about her for this ability. Wouldn't you just know it?

John Wright has received the presidential election of '50 by a large vote, and promises to do all he can for a better and more prosperous nation.

People from all over the world are flocking to a little shop on Fourth Avenue, New York, run by Elva Sherwood to have her tell them their faults. Her number of clients is increasing daily, for all have unbounded faith in her frankness.

The best little comedian on the screen today is George Stacey. We have always predicted that Georgie would have the eyes of the world upon him no matter where they looked.

Oh, dear, what a day. Bang! Crash!!! Boom!!! Oh! Oh! I missed the step, and the plane descends. What can I do. Oh! Oh! It was just a dream.

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Senior Farewell To T. H. S.

As we look back over the year that is drawing to an end, we are reminded that pleasant associations will soon change. It is with a touch of sadness that we realize that our high school career is swiftly drawing to a close. We shall be scattered to the four winds, each to shift for himself and choose the path which is to be followed throughout the years.

Right merrily we've journeyed on Life's Sea
Side by side, you and we;
To each of you our every good wish,
To each of you our hand clasp true;
There is nothing too good to wish to you,
But this wish I hope will come true:
That all the sunbeams we've scattered
Will ever shine upon you.

—Alice Liles.

HIGH SCHOOL

Top Row—C. Welch, L. Jump, R. Nichols, R. Wissel, E. Smith, E. Sherwood, M. Pheifer, M. Lehnert, E. Ottinger, B. Myers, E. Welch, E. Meinen, F. Knoll.

Third Row—O. Sherwood, L. Smith, P. Mesenberg, E. Hedrick, J. Cummings, R. Pheifer, L. Knoll, A. Hill, J. Currier, M. Rowland, G. Stacey, F. Sherwood, M. Silcox.

Second Row—W. Mesenberg, A. Bandelean, F. McNamara, J. Jarrett, B. Finlay, E. Arnold, S. Knoll, A. M. Smith, L. Lucal, R. Gay, H. Kuhlman.

First Row—A. Arnold, F. Kaczor, V. Weisenberger, E. Patrick, J. Wright, D. Hornestay, W. Kuhlman, J. Wright, J. Dippel, L. Kocher, E. Nichols, A. Liles, B. Bly, H. Lucal, J. Brown.

Not present—W. Conry, L. Smith, E. Swabley.

On September 9, 1935, school opened with sixty-four pupils enrolled in the high school. Of these, we now have twelve seniors, fourteen juniors, seventeen sophomores, and sixteen freshmen, a total of fifty-nine.

Since another year is quickly drawing to a close, let us briefly mention a few of our achievements. We have successfully supported a school paper and our Annual. In the field of athletics we have played both basketball and baseball. The Seniors produced their annual class play, and the Juniors sponsored two successful school dances. There has been a remarkable spirit of co-operation on the part of all the students in assembly programs, and as a result we have had several interesting programs presented. In all, we have had an eventful and successful year.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES

Top Row—J. Conry, H. Palmer, W. Meeker, J. Liles, P. Howe, L. Wright, B. Camp, R. Kennedy, R. Camp, D. Camp, L. Shipley, M. Mesenberg, J. Smith, M. Schlachter.

Second Row—E. Feuerstein, F. Hedrick, R. Shipley, H. Kennedy, E. Freeman, L. Phillips, A. M. Ackerman, H. Kettel, E. Silcox, J. Phillips, V. Currier, D. Dickey, A. Rose, B. Alexander.

First Row—B. Dague, D. Conry, C. Jeske, T. Sherwood, M. Bly, J. Meillein, P. Cummings.

The year of 1935-1936 began with an enrollment of thirty-six pupils. Of these, there were eleven girls and fifteen boys in the Eighth grade, and nine girls and eleven boys in the Seventh grade.

New pupils who came to us later in the year were Dorothy Dickey, Anna Mae Ackerman, and Ernest Scheuffler in the Eighth grade, and John Bevan in the Seventh.

The following pupils moved away during the year: Ida Jeanne Hull, Charles Benner, James Conry, and Robert Franklin in the Eighth grade, and John Bevan, Zane Bly, Paul Cummings, Wilford Jenkins, Joe Broderick, and Elsie Force in the Seventh, leaving a total of thirty-nine pupils.

We would like to mention some things that have added special interest to our school year. These are the radio programs, movies, soccer balls, "Good Citizen Club", and music periods shared with the Fifth and Sixth grades.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

Top Row—J. Slack, A. Hedrick, R. Ackerman, J. Conry, Jr., C. Zvolinsky, J. Dickey, P. Chrysler, E. Livengood, K. Lawrence, R. Dippel, J. Barron, B. Sherwood.

Second Row—A. Shipley, V. Mesenberg, M. Silcox, C. Currier, G. Deiner, M. Mead, S. Bandelean, J. Feuerstein, F. Livengood, M. Fey.

First Row—P. Feuerstein, C. Gaag, D. Kirkpatrick, M. Lawrence, L. Lawrence, M. Camp, D. Camp, W. Alexander, C. Clark.

Absent—W. Pheifer.

During the term of 1935-1936 forty pupils were enrolled in the fifth and sixth grades. The percentage of attendance was unusually high and exemplified an excellent standard of health in the community. Maynard Fey, Catherine Gaag, Malcolm Silcox, Robert Dippel, Lucille Lawrence, and Charles Zvolinsky had a perfect yearly attendance.

Pupils who moved to other localities were: Glenn Bly, Delores Espy, Ruth Ashburn, Hughie Conry, Iris Dague, and Robert Slocum, Jr.

At the close of the term Certificates of Honor were given to Clifford Currier, Maynard Fey, Walter Pheifer, Willis Alexander, Robert Dippel, Kathryn and Lucille Lawrence, and Jimmie Slack for their excellent rating in attitude and application.

Forty percent of the pupils earned Honor Roll grades during the second semester. Practically the entire group achieved commendable progress.

Yes, there were many pleasant things,
So many deeds to make us glad,—
The tasks well done, the songs that cling;
And cherished more than all of these
Are friendships and fond memories.

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

Top Row—D. Wright, W. Kugel, S. Patrick, W. Lawrence, C. Shipley, H. Nichols, K. Barber, L. Pheifer, A. Camp, B. Camp, B. Gray, C. Linden, K. Opfer, V. Camp.

Third Row—C. Dague, B. Dague, B. Worline, W. Hainline, R. Koch, W. Phillips, M. Deiner, J. Ross, K. Deiner, H. Thieret, L. Meinen, V. Benner, D. Fey.

Second Row—R. Carston, M. Worline, D. Carroll, A. Schlachter, B. L. Slack, E. Hurst, D. J. Liles, E. Benner, J. Arnold, M. Smith, E. Freeman, T. Camp, E. Knott, H. Stefan.

First Row—A. Feuerstein, G. Ackerman, E. Thieret, R. Lugar, F. Wilson, R. Deiner, C. Fey, E. Gray, G. Kaczor.

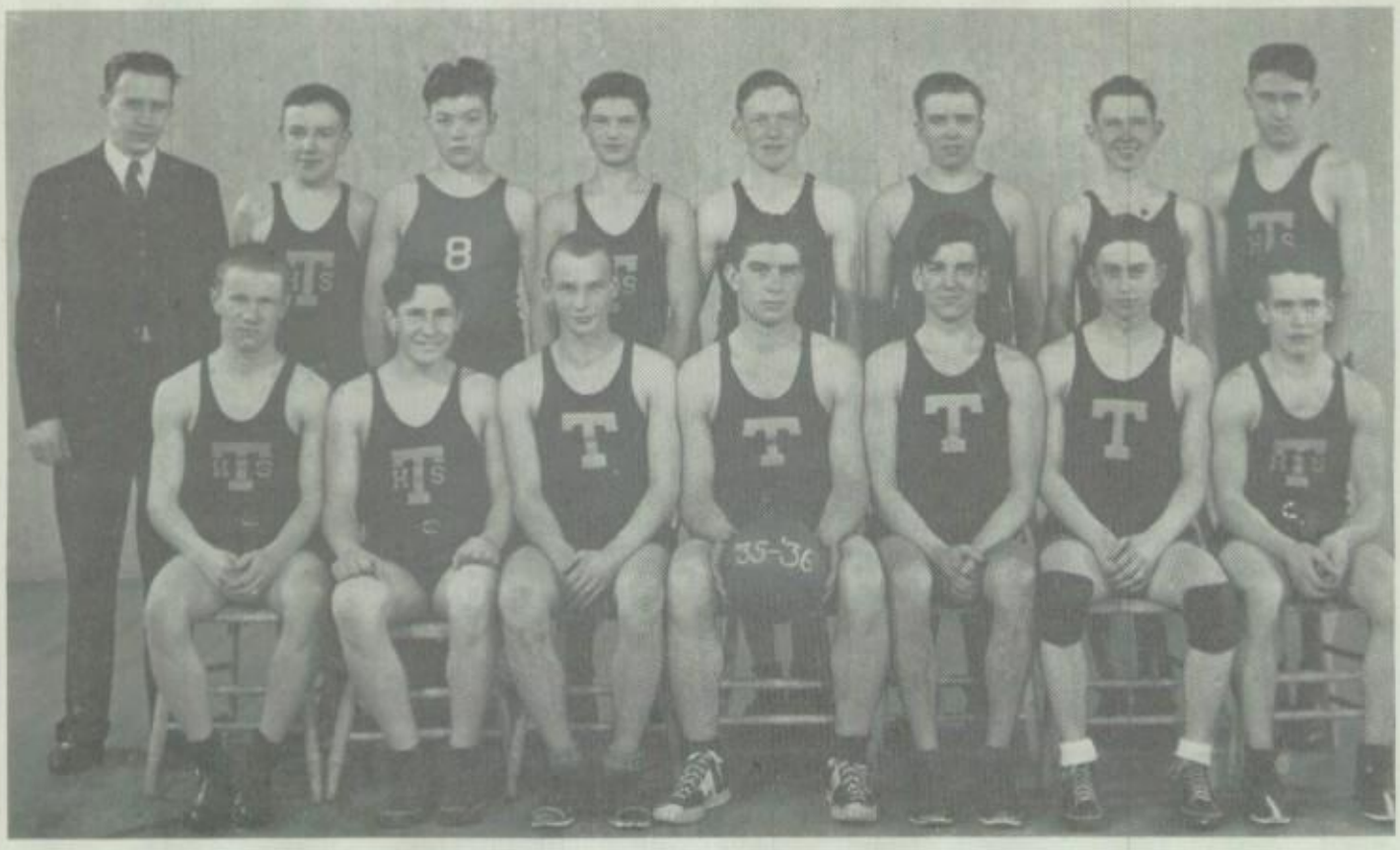
The enrollment in the first four grades this year was sixty.

In the first and second grades twenty-six pupils have finished the year's assignments.

In the third and fourth grades twenty-seven pupils have completed their year's work. These children have studied faithfully, and have done commendable work. The success they have attained has been due to regular attendance and an earnest effort to succeed.

The children have enjoyed using some new playground equipment.

Special events of the year have been: a program given at the Town Hall by the first four grades, Christmas entertainments, Valentine, and Easter programs.



BASKETBALL

Back Row—Coach Slack, E. Meinen, F. Knoll, F. Kaczor, P. Mesenberg, J. Jarrett, J. Wright, J. Cummings.

Front Row—M. Rowland, E. Swabley, V. Weisenberger, R. Pheifer, G. Stacey, M. Silcox, W. Mesenberg.

Merrick Silcox, forward, Senior. Merrick was one of the best point makers and always in the fight.

Roy Pheifer, center, Junior. Roy played his best at all times, and never gave up. He will be with us again next year.

George Stacey, guard, Senior. Good on long shots, and a player who will be missed next year.

Vernal Weisenberger, center and forward, always fighting to win.

Fred Knoll, Jr., forward, Junior. Swiftness and ability to make baskets made Junior a valuable player.

Walter Mesenberg, guard, little but mighty. Walter was known on the floor as Walt.

Edward Swabley, forward, Freshman. Ed is a promising star.

Peter Mesenberg, forward, Freshman. Fast, and a future star.

Merrick Rowland, Earl Meinen, and James Currier, "subs", were always ready when called upon.

Mr. Slack, coach. The boys are grateful for Mr. Slack's efforts to make the team a success.

VARSITY SCHEDULE, 1935-1936

	G.	T.	P.	Opponent	G.	T.	P.	Date
Townsend	1	5	7	Berlin Heights	7	7	21	— December 6
Townsend	8	8	24	Lorain St. Mary's	6	10	22	— December 13
Townsend	7	3	17	North Fairfield	12	3	27	— December 20
Townsend	5	1	11	Wakeman	13	4	30	— January 10
Townsend	4	4	12	Birmingham	16	4	36	— January 17
Townsend	9	3	21	Lorain St. Mary's	14	3	31	— January 28
Townsend	9	2	20	North Fairfield	15	7	37	— January 31
Townsend	9	5	23	Berlin Heights	10	6	26	— February 1
Townsend	5	3	13	Wakeman	14	3	31	— February 7
Townsend	10	5	25	Birmingham	16	7	39	— February 14
Townsend	8	6	22	Greenwich	21	4	46	— February 21
Townsend	8	3	19	New Haven	10	8	28	— February 28

INDIVIDUAL SCORING OF VARSITY

Player	Quarters Played	F.G.	F.T.	T.P
Silcox	42	28	9	65
Weisenberger	46	18	8	44
F. Knoll	37	15	10	40
Stacey	43	7	10	24
Pheifer	26	6	5	17
W. Mesenberg	27	4	1	9
Swabley	13	3	2	8
Kaczor	3	3	0	6
P. Mesenberg	5	1	0	2
J. Wright	6	1	0	2
Meinen	3	0	0	0
Currier	3	2	1	5
Rowland	1	0	0	0
W. Conry	19	5	9	19

RESERVE SCHEDULE

Townsend	9	Berlin Heights	14
Townsend	22	Lorain St. Mary's	30
Townsend	27	North Fairfield	19
Townsend	16	Wakeman	30
Townsend	13	Birmingham	16
Townsend	19	Lorain St. Mary's	17
Townsend	12	North Fairfield	24
Townsend	16	Birmingham	19
Townsend	18	Berlin Heights	23
Townsend	18	Alumni	16

RESERVE INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Player	Quarters Played	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
W. Mesenberg	28	6	4	16
P. Mesenberg	30	11	9	31
Currier	21	2	7	11
Swabley	33	30	7	67
Rowland	32	2	3	7
Meinen	23	4	6	14
Conry	8	3	0	6
Silcox	1	0	0	0
Welch	7	0	1	1
Kaczor	2	1	0	2
J. Wright	10	1	0	2
Pheifer	6	2	2	6

JUNIOR SCHEDULE

Player	Quarters	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Swabley	18	13	2	28
L. Wright	21	18	3	39
P. Mesenberg	15	4	1	9
Jarrett	19	0	2	2
Kaczor	20	9	4	22
T. Conry	11	0	1	1
L. Smith	5	0	0	0
W. Kuhlman	6	0	0	0
Gay	2	0	0	0

JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Townsend	18	Berlin Heights	21
Townsend	22	North Fairfield	5
Townsend	6	Wakeman	11
Townsend	10	Birmingham	19
Townsend	19	Greenwich	10
Townsend	30	Wakeman	7

BASEBALL

Back Row—F. Sherwood, F. Knoll, W. Conry, J. Jarrett, E. Meinen

Front Row—H. Lucal, E. Swabley, R. Conry, R. Gay, M. Silcox, E. Patrick, D. Hornostay.

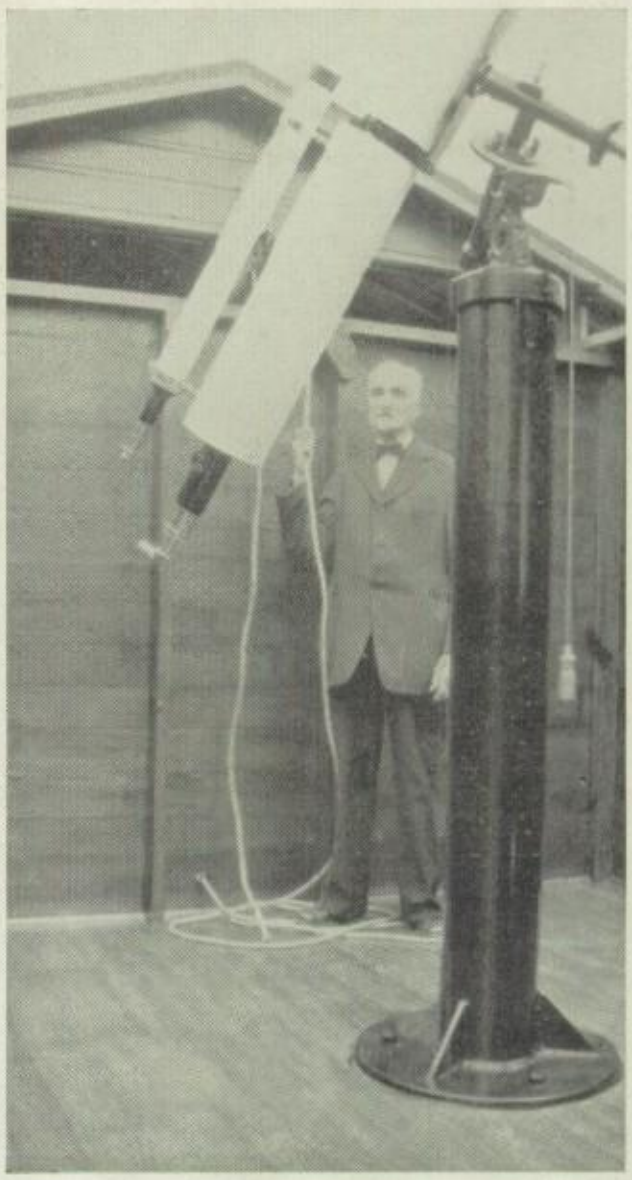
In the fall, our baseball season was cut short by the reconstruction of the baseball diamond. The work included making the entire field more level, and also remodeling the backstop. In the fall we played only two of our scheduled games—those with Wakeman and Greenwich.

During the spring season we had a full schedule. Mr. Taylor, our coach, has worked hard with the boys, and deserves much credit for the time he has spent and the interest he has shown.

The schedules were as follows:

Fall Season	Spring Season
Townsend—Wakeman	Townsend—New Haven
Townsend—Greenwich	Townsend—Wakeman
Townsend—Monroeville (Discontinued)	Townsend—Greenwich
	Townsend—Monroeville
	Townsend—North Fairfield

Starcrest Observatory



An astronomical observatory always has quite an appeal to the public in whatever country or period of time it appears. Astronomy is the oldest of the sciences, and to it we are indebted for most of the progress which mankind has made from a remote and misty past.

Starcrest Observatory was established to house one of the larger telescopes made by Don H. Johnston who is an alumnus of Townsend High School and who now resides in Cleveland. This telescope is one of a series produced by him. Others have been shipped to different parts of the country mostly for use in private observatories.

Aluminum found its extensive use in these instruments, some of them being entirely constructed of this metal. Heretofore, telescope makers had used practically nothing but brass and cast iron and sheet metal.

Many students of our school have observed some of the wonders of the heavens under the direction of Dr. Wm. H. Johnston and Mr. C. C. Taylor, our Superintendent, on clear evenings when Starcrest Observatory has kept open house.

The telescope itself is one of the largest in northern Ohio. It is the same size as the one at Oberlin College, being a refractor with a six inch objective.

Through it the mountains of the Moon are ever varied and beautiful as the Lunar sunrise creeps across the plains and craters of our statillite.

The snow caps of the planet Mars are easily visible as are also some of the "canals" which are among the great mysteries of astronomy. Some astronomers think they are the work of intelligent inhabitants of the planet seeking to bring water from the polar ice caps to the parched and scorching deserts of the middle area. Other scientists do not agree with this explanation. It is still one of the only partly solved problems of the astronomer.

Jupiter and its moons are a beautiful sight when in favorable position. Being the largest of the planets in our solar system it is much studied by amateur astronomers with the smaller glasses.

Saturn with the great ring around its equator is an impressive sight at Starcrest. A great scientist has said that "Saturn is the most beautiful sight in inanimate nature". Surely a good view when once enjoyed is never forgotten.

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ROSE RUDIN ROOSA MEMORIAL

For four years the pupils of Townsend High School have enjoyed the benefits derived from the Rose Rudin Roosa Memorial. Each year, through this fund, something new and valuable is added to the school. The memorial itself was established in 1932 by Mr. Howard Roosa of Alburquerque, New Mexico, in memory of his wife, the late Rose Rudin Roosa, one of Townsend's most outstanding graduates and citizens.

This year, by means of the memorial, the following books have been added to our library: "Tristram"—E. A. Robinson; "Cimarron"-Edna Ferber; "Arrowsmith"—Sinclair Lewis; "Don Quixote"—Cervantes; "Seventeen"—Booth Tarkington; "Monsieur Beaucaire"—Tarkington; "A Son of the Middle Border"—Hamlin Garland; "Oil for the Lamps of China"—A. T. Hobart; "The Life and Times of Rembrandt"—H. Van Ryn; "Napoleon"—E. Ludwig; "The Genius"—T. Dreiser; "Alice Adams"—B. Tarkington; "The Circular Staircase"—M. R. Rhinehart; "The Bridge of San Luis Rey"—T. Wilder; "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come"—John Fox, Jr.; "Oliver Twist"—C. Dickens; "Up From Slavery"—B. T. Washington; "Cabbages and Kings"—O'Henry; "Tom Jones"—H. Fielding; "Lord Jim"—J. Conrad; "Jane Eyre"—C. Bronte; "Exile"—W. Deeping; "Raiders of the Deep"—L. Thomas; "The Bent Twig"—D. Canfield; "Faust"—J. Von Goethe; "India, Land of the Black Pagoda"—L. Thomas; "Tamerlane"—H. Lamb; "So Big"—E. Ferber; "The Keeper of the Bees"—G. S. Porter; "The Innocents Abroad"—M. Twain; "Moby Dick"—M. Melville; "The Harvester"—G. S. Porter; "The Call of the Wild"—J. London; "Portrait of an American"—R. Coffin; "A Preface to Morals"—W. Lippmann; "With Lawrence in Arabia"—L. Thomas; "Mexico"—S. Chase; "Richelieu"—H. Belloc.

Too, in each of the rooms of the school, a new picture has been placed, each one pertinent to the room in which it is hung. In the fifth and sixth grade room hangs a picture entitled "Can You Talk?", while the third and fourth grade room received "Maternal Cares." The first and second grades have a picture called "See-Saw" and Mrs. Gardner's seventh and eighth grades enjoy a picture whose title is "Her Pets". In the high school were hung "Sir Galahad", "Washington and Lafayette at Mount Vernon", and Anker's "Swiss Schoolroom". This latter picture is especially interesting and valuable to us because the celebrated Swiss artist, Albert Anker, who painted the original picture, is an uncle of Mr. Rudin. Too, the typical Swiss schoolroom here pictured is a reproduction of the one in which Mr. Rudin's own mother attended school in Switzerland. The artistry of the picture itself is outstanding, and resulted in its being shown at expositions throughout Europe and America. The facial expressions of the characters are true to life, and every feature is brought out clearly and accurately.

These pictures have added a new touch of art and beauty to our schoolrooms, and we wish here to take the opportunity of expressing our deepest appreciation to the two men responsible for both the library books and the pictures, Mr. Howard Roosa and Mr. Fritz Rudin.

Prince of Peace Declamation Contest

MABEL LEHNERT
Declamation and Oratory

The annual Prince of Peace Declamation Contest was held November the eighth at the Methodist Church. The contest was held for the purpose of promoting peace throughout the nation.

The following students took part in the contest: John Wright, Jr., Elva Sherwood, George Stacey, Alvin Hill, Burton Finlay, Mabel Lehnert, James Jarrett, and Jane Wright. Each contestant gave a declamation on world peace and the prevention of war, chosen from selections compiled for the purpose by the Ohio Council of Churches.

Mabel Lehnert, the winner, received a bronze medal; Jane Wright received second place, and George Stacey, third.

Mabel Lehnert also participated in the county contest where she received second place.

Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical and Reading Contest

The fourth annual Rose Rudin Roosa Oratorical and Reading Contest was held on the evening of March 24. Those participating in the oratorical department were Elva Sherwood, Mabel Lehnert, Jane Wright, and Alvin Hill.

The reading department consisted of Louise Jump, Lauretta Lucal, Evelyn Smith, Shirley Knoll, Jane Dippel, and Lura Kocher.

The contest was exceedingly close, and the judges had no easy task in selecting the winners. Mabel Lehnert was awarded first place in oratory, and Jane Wright, second. Mabel then spoke in the county contest, where she received second place.

In the reading contest Shirley Knoll was first, and Evelyn Smith, second. Shirley represented us in the county contest where she was awarded third place.

Every person who participated in the contest should be congratulated upon his or her well-delivered reading or oration.

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SENIOR PLAY

On Friday night, May 22, 1936, the Senior Class of Townsend High School presented the three act play, "The Panther's Claw", by Austin Goetz.

The play was under the direction of Mr. Taylor.

The scene is in the living room of an old stone house on a lonely estate in the Maine woods on a night in May.

Clifton King has leased an old estate on the coast of Maine. He arrives with his wife, Norma, and his daughter, Elaine. The hour is late and a storm is brewing which adds to the wierd atmosphere of the old house. They are received by Jake, the caretaker, who, instead of extending a cordial welcome, acts very strangely and immediately starts in to frighten them off. They no sooner become established in the musty old mansion than things begin to happen.

The party is increased by Jerry Freeman and four girls, whose car had broken down a little way up the road. The frightened girls add much humor to the play. With the help of Tony, a hunchback, who has been mistreated and is seeking revenge, Jerry, Clifton, Elaine, and Norma capture the "Panther", the "Spider", and Jake, the false caretaker. These men are wanted in several places for robbery and murder.

After the capture, Clifton tells the murderers he is a Federal Secret Service Agent, and Elaine and Norma are his helpers.

The cast of characters follows:

Clifton King (of the Federal Secret Service)—John Wright.

Norma Tremaine (Alias Clifton's Wife)—Mildred Pheifer.

Elaine Standish (Alias Clifton's Daughter)—Mabel Lehnert.

Jake McCord (The Caretaker)—Merrick Silcox.

Jerry Freeman (a Reporter)—George Stacey.

Hope Fenwick—Evelyn Smith.

Olive Dale—Elva Sherwood.

Edith Dale—Ethel Nichols.
Tillie Lish—Alice Liles.
Luther Stone (The Panther)—James Currier.
Carl Blythe (The Spider)—Bernard Bly.
Tony (The Victim)—Alvin Hill.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

9—School opened.

10—Class meetings held, and officers elected.

OCTOBER

4—Freshman initiation day, climaxed by the Optimist Party.

11—Assembly directed by Boy Scouts, who gave short talks on Safety Week.

26—Teachers' Convention at Cleveland.

NOVEMBER

1—Clarence Burgderfer entertained.

4—Biology class journeyed to Mr. B. B. Thomas' Museum on Route 20.

8—Prince of Peace Contest, with Mabel Lehnert, Jane Wright, and George Stacey placing first, second, and third, respectively.

11—Armistice Day program enjoyed via radio.

13—Agriculture class took a field trip to the home of Mr. B. B. Thomas.

15—Grade School program.

20—Ohio State University Psychological Tests taken.

22—Assembly at which cheer leaders were elected.

28-29—Thanksgiving recess.

DECEMBER

2—Every Pupil Tests given.

8—County Prince of Peace Contest, with Mabel Lehnert placing second.

11—Greenwich Grange presented 'Lighthouse Annie.'

20—Christmas Assembly Program.

20-JAN. 6—Christmas Vacation.

JANUARY

9—Farmers' Institute.

15—Musical entertainment by the Erney Family of Sandusky.

20—"The Blue Bag" presented by the members of the Townsend Grange.

FEBRUARY

28—Last basketball game—County Tournament.

MARCH

24—Local Oratorical and Reading Contest, with Mabel Lehnert placed second, and Shirley Knoll,

27—County Oratorical and Reading Contest in which Mabel Lehnert placed second, and Shirley Knoll third.

APRIL

1-3—Second Every Pupil Tests given.

9-13—Easter Vacation.

17—Junior Dance.

MAY

1—Junior Dance.

22—Seniors presented "The Panther's Claw".

23—Junior-Senior Prom.

24—Baccalaureate Services.

29—Commencement.

JUNE

3—Eighth Grade graduation exercises.

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The building which houses the large telescope is unique in many respects. In order to obtain a clear view of the sky the entire roof rolls off on tracks provided for the purpose. To make this feature successful was no easy matter. All parts had to be put together accurately so that a slight pull on a rope would roll the roof off and make the telescope quickly available. Large rollers, having a leather face to reduce friction and work smoothly on the track, were used. Considerable credit is due Mr. Glen Silcox for the fine workmanship which made this difficult feature workable in a practical manner. Even the largest and best equipped observatories have more or less trouble with this part of their building.

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The "finder" or small telescope mounted on the large tube is used to locate easily celestial objects under low magnification. Being lined up perfectly with the large telescope and fastened to it, the same object will of course appear in the large instrument also. The smaller glass is quite a telescope as the objective is two and one half inches in diameter.

By many it would be considered "large" as in comparison with the ordinary draw tube spy glass.

A detailed description of Starcrest Observatory appeared in the August issue of Popular Astronomy, the leading astronomical magazine in the United States.

Observing conditions are much better in the country districts than in the city, because the air is more free from smoke and dust. Hence the observatory in Collins usually enjoys good observing nights when the weather is at all favorable.

Many out of town visitors call at Starcrest to see the observatory and talk with Dr. Johnston about astronomical matters. Needless to say it is always available to classes from Townsend High School.

TRAITS

Roy Pheifer .....To act graceful
Everett Patrick .....To act innocent
Vernal Weisenberger .To see the follies at Sandusky
Franklin Sherwood .....To act industrious
Jane Dippel .....To roam around the rooms
Junior Knoll .....To drag his feet
Lane Knoll .....
....To throw spit wads at Washington's picture
Merrick Rowland .....To drive around Collins
Ada May Smith...To be called down by B. S. Com.
Evelyn Ottinger .....To fuss over everything
Jane Wright .....To make up nicknames
Bill Plue.....To pay no attention to girls
Rex Gay .....To be a mind reader
Earl Mienen .....To do the wrong thing
Alfred Bandelean .....
.....To try to do anything that comes along
Shirley Knoll .....To be an actress
Mildred Pheifer .....To look in the hall mirror
John Wright .....To look over old Annuals
"Pat" Conry .....To visit the Senior Room
Alice Liles.....To giggle at an old joke
Jim Jarrett .....To write letters to a Cleveland girl
Burton Finlay .....To be the librarian
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Music ..... Orchestra
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Music .....Orchestra
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JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

On Saturday evening, May 23, the Junior class entertained the Seniors and their guests at the annual Junior-Senior Prom.

The dance was held at the Collins Gym which was prettily decorated in a turquoise and blue color scheme. Streamers of alternating blue and white set off only a portion of the hall for dancing, the rest serving as a lounge and dining room. The ceiling was lowered by means of blue and white balloons.

Music for the dancing was furnished by Butler's Orchestra, which was set off the main dance floor by means of a blue and white archway.

During the intermission the Sophomore girls served a light lunch to both the guests and the hosts.

Teacher—"This is the third time you looked at Larry's paper."

Student—"Yes, he doesn't write very plain."

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Mildred Pheifer—"Have you seen the new show, "The Broken Leg?"

Evelyn Smith—"No, but I hear it has a great cast."

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Jim Currier—"Why do you call me maple sugar?"

Alice Liles—"Because you're a refined sap."

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WHY THE ROSE HAS THORNS

Many, many years ago, when flowers and animals talked like human beings, the flowers had a dispute as to which was the most beautiful. There were many contestants. The main ones were the Rose, with its soft, beautiful petals and stems, the Lilac, the Forget-me-not, Violet, and several others. Mother Nature, who started a contest to quiet the arguments, decided to have the humblest, most modest, and quietest of beasts to be the judge, because the flowers themselves were afraid of large clumsy beasts. So, after much thought on the subject, she finally chose the porcupine.

After several weeks, during which time there was a hustle and bustle as the flowers were making preparations and as all the animals throughout the entire animal kingdom prepared to attend, the contest was held. All throughout the valley where Mother Nature's castle was, animals, small and large, stood and sat, talking about the contest. Suddenly, all the animals jumped, as a loud gong sounded, announcing the start of the contest. Immediately all the animals lined up on each side of a lane to watch the match. They jabbered and stirred about restlessly, waiting and waiting. Soon the door of the castle opened, and the procession started. First came Mother Nature, followed by the flowers in all their glory, carried on the backs of turtles. As soon as the last flower was out of the castle, the procession stopped, a gong sounded, and then came the judge, Mr. Spiny Porcupine. As he passed each flower, he marked in his notebook.

In the end the Orchid won. This made the Rose very angry, for she had been positive that she would win. When the winner was announced, she shouted indignantly, "Oh, Mother Nature, why did you let that stupid thorny creature be judge?" This hurt Mr. Porcupine so much that he went away crying.

Naturally, Mother Nature was angry. As punishment she said to the Rose, "Because of your meanness I'll give you a hard stem, and because of your insulting Mr. Porcupine who really is a good animal, I'll inflict you with the same curse he has. From this day on you'll have thorns."

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WHY BRIDES WEAR VEILS

A long time ago when Jupiter was King of the Gods he decided that he would have as his companion the loveliest of the Goddesses. Of those chosen he had dwindled down to two, viz., Juno and Venus. They were by far the loveliest. Finally Jupiter had to draw straws. Juno won and was going to be made queen of the Goddesses. Venus didn't care much, but Juno knew that if Venus had one chance she would ruin her beauty. She then decided that Jupiter must throw a veil around her in the form of a cloud before they could elope to Martimony to have her marry them, since they must pass the home of Venus.

They arrived at the home of matrimony. The plans were all set. Jupiter and Juno marched up the aisle and lo! to the surprise of the spectators Juno had a beautiful white veil. The cloud that Jupiter had wrapped around her had only been thrown aside in the haste and it it still draped behind her. It made such a pretty setting that all the other Goddesses were looking around for a man to marry as they wanted to wear a pretty white veil.

So when you get married girls, think of Juno as she set this style for you.

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Walt Mesenburg—"If I said I'm handsome, what tense would that be?"

Jane Dippel—"Pretense."

* * *

Mr. Slack—"Silence! I want this room so quiet I can hear a pin drop."

Any Sophomore—"OK. let her drop."

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Lauretta Lucal—"Hot Dog! I just bought a banjo for ten bucks."

Louise Jump—"Oh yeah! A tenner banjo."

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George Stacey—"Fourth Floor, please."

Operator—"Here you are son."

George—"How dare you call me son?"

Operator—"I brought you up, didn't I?"

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